

Mackenzie, Arthur Stanley

President, Dalhousie University

Sept 1914 - March 1915

September 8th, 1914

President Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S.

My dear Mackenzie:

I have just got back from England after a comparatively uneventful voyage and we are very glad to get home. Now that I have come I find a situation full of problems that have to be solved as soon as possible. Some of these have been occasioned by the sudden death of Dean Galbraith of the Faculty of Applied Science; others by the outbreak of war, which has caused us to lose quite a number of our staff. It will be therefore necessary for me to be here for a few weeks. I am wondering when our Commission can meet. What time would suit you best? It may be that the war situation has rendered the immediate decision of this question less necessary than it was. I will write to Mr. Boyle and get his mind on the matter.

I hope that you got my letter which I sent you from Keswick, and also that Mr. Boyle communicated to you after I cabled to him that the meeting of the Commission should be postponed. It was touch and go that we got a steamer even on the 28th and the Government was I believe considering very seriously the taking of the "Calgarian" up to the Wednesday before we left. I hope that you have not been severely struck by the results of the war. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

September 19th, 1914

President Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University.

My dear Mackenzie:

I have just received a letter from Hon. Mr. Boyle saying that as the Legislature meet on October 7 and it will be impossible to have our Report ready for presentation at this session the meeting of the Commission may be postponed so long as the report can be ready for the next meeting of the Legislature. The outbreak of the war he regards as a sufficient explanation to the House for the delay in the presentation of the report. That means, I suppose, that we do not need to go West until next spring. To me it is a great relief as there are so many pressing duties here, especially at this time, both ordinary and exceptional.

I suppose the war has affected you. I hope that your buildings are far enough on for you to be able to finish them and use them. I see that you have appointed McRae as Dean of the Faculty of Law. He is a well-equipped fellow and should bring pretty high standards of training. I hope that the rest of your staff is in good form for the winter's work, and by this time you have already begun, I suppose. Have you appointed any one to take the place of Dr. Lindsay who was lost on "The Empress".

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
HALIFAX, N.S.
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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September 22, 1914.

President Robert A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Falconer,

I have just received your letter of the 19th and I must admit that the information you sent me is a great relief to me also. There are so many new problems raised by the war conditions, that I have not felt yet that I could see in the future the opportunity of leaving here and going West with an easy mind. As I wrote to you in my last letter I would have made an effort to go in six or eight weeks time had it been necessary to do so, but it is a great comfort now to know that there is no urgency about our meeting soon.

I am expecting that we have in MacRae a very good man for Dean of the Law School. He is familiar with a great many phases of College education and administration and is a man of character and energy. He has yet to learn how to teach Law, but he has taught enough other things to make that come easy.

The Hospital Commission have not yet made an appointment to Dr. M.A. Lindsay's place. I find it impossible to get them to act with any speed. I wish we had the appointment

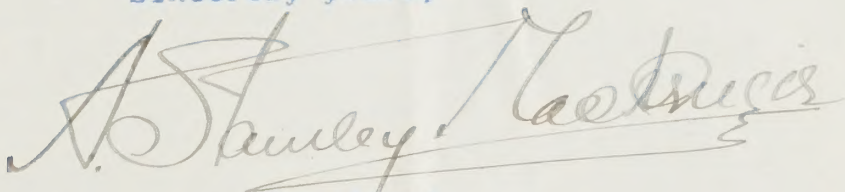
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rather than the Commission. I wonder if they have ever applied to Mackenzie of your Pathological side. Would you mind asking him if he has anybody he would recommend? You probably know that Lindsay was Pathologist and Bacteriologist and Post Mortem man all combined in one at the Hospital, and also lectured in these subjects at the Medical School. He got altogether \$3000 from the two institutions.

I fear now that we shall not get into our new laboratories when we expected. It is practically finished, but in some important details it is yet incomplete. The Library is progressing quite rapidly and promises to be quite an attractive building.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,


President.

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September 29th, 1914

President Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University, Halifax.

My dear Mackenzie:

I have asked Professor J. J. Mackenzie, our Pathologist, about the names of possible men for your position in Pathology. He has given me three names: (1) Dr. W. Tytler, Guelph, Ont. who has been working in New York and was to have gone to Vienna this year.

(2) Dr. E. Fidler, was in Minnesota, pathologist at the Hospital in Hamilton, and is now professor of pathology at the Western University, London.

(3) Dr. F. B. Bowman was three years doing research work in Manila, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, followed Fidler at the Hamilton Hospital and is now with Dr. McLeod in Buffalo, N.Y.

I know Fidler having been in Minnesota and afterwards in London. Perhaps one of these men would suit you.

I had a letter yesterday from Murray who thinks we should not delay our work for Calgary too long. He is of the opinion that as soon as the report is ready it will be published before it is adopted by the Legislature and will ease the situation somewhat in Alberta. I am afraid, however, that it would be rather difficult for me to go away for some time yet. What time of the year would suit you? I will write to Murray again and ask him whether he could not wait till spring. April I suppose is a bad month for you

With kind regards, I am,
Yours sincerely,

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President.

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October 10th, 1914

President Mackenzie,
Dalhousie University,
Halifax, N.S.

My dear President Mackenzie:

I have a note from Murray enclosing one from
Tory in which they seem to be very anxious that the Calgary business should
be settled before long. It will be inconvenient for me to go this autumn,
but I am willing to make the effort. Could you get away about the middle
of November? I can leave any time after the 13th, though as I said it
would involve me in some difficulties. Perhaps you would send me a night
message at our expense? With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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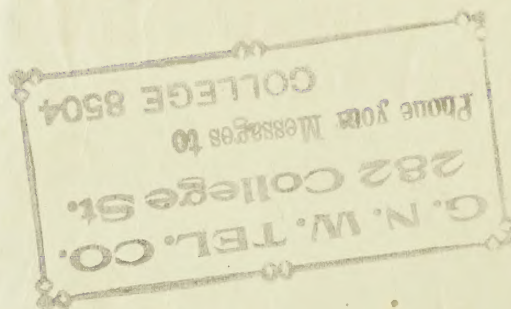
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RESIDENT R A FALCONER

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO TORONTO ONT

YOUR TELEGRAM RECEIVED SINCE DATE SUITS YOU AND MURRAY I
WILL MAKE IT CONVENIENT FOR ME ALSO TO REACH EDMONTON ON
THURSDAY NOVEMBER NINETEENTH KINDLY LET ME KNOW IN TIME WHEN
TRAIN GOES ON WHICH YOU LEAVE TORONTO WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPANY
YOU

A S MACKENZIE.



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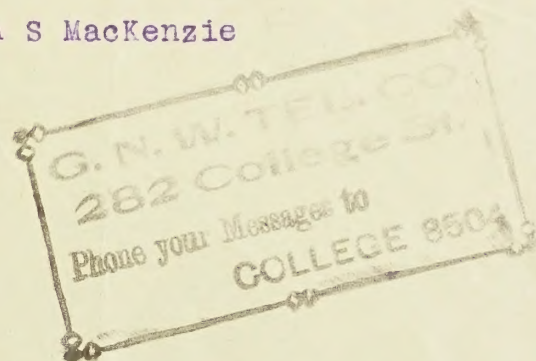
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Toronto Ont University Toronto Ont

Just returned from Philadelphia letter of tenth awaiting me disappointed commission cannot be deferred till spring as all college matters are necessarily unsettled and new problems constantly arising however if necessary to go by middle of November will just have to make it convenient. Please give me longest possible warning

A S MacKenzie

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October 21st, 1914

President A. S. Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University,

Halifax, N.S.

Dear President Mackenzie:

I have just received your telegram. I cannot say that the date is convenient for me any more than it is for you, but in view of Murray's strong position in the matter and Tory's I am quite willing as you are to give up my convenience for their advantage. I am therefore provisionally appointing the 19th of November as the date on which we should meet in Edmonton.

As far as I can see now I shall likely leave Toronto on Saturday, the 14th, but I am writing to Mr. Boyle, Minister of Education, to find from him whether he knows of any reason why we should not meet on the 19th and I will let you know later.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 27th, 1914

President A. B. Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S.

My dear Mackenzie:

I find that we can get to Montreal on Wednesday evening November 11th at 8:45 by leaving Toronto on Sunday night, November 8th, at 10:20 p.m. After Toronto we take the C. E. R. which lands us in Winnipeg on Tuesday. From Winnipeg we can take either the G.T.P. or the C.T.P. to Montreal. The ticket is the same whether the C.T.P. goes through or enroute or to the Great Truck Pacific at Winnipeg. It could take return tickets to Winnipeg C.T.P. and then round trip tickets to suit us. Murray told us the last time we saw him that the C.T.P. line from Winnipeg to Montreal was the most convenient, and as I have never been on it I should rather like that experience. If you would like I can have a berth reserved for you from Toronto at the same time as my own. I am going to write Murray, as soon as I hear from Mr. Doyle that the date is satisfactory, to ask him whether he can get arrangements made for hotel accommodation while we are in Montreal.

As to clothing I know nothing more than you, but I expect to take the warmest things that I have. Possibly at that time of the year we shall not have severe cold.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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November 4th, 1911

Friendliest greeting,

Believe me, sincerely,

Halifax, N.S.

My dear Mr. [Name]:

I have just heard from Mr. [Name] that it will suit him to leave the [Name] on November 15th, so that is now settled.

I shall leave here on Monday, 13th, the 15th of November, get to [Name] at the [Name] on Tuesday, and then take the [Name] Trunk Pacific that [Name] to [Name] and arrive in [Name] on Wednesday night or night before.

I am getting [Name] for you free [Name] to [Name] along with my [Name]. If you have made other arrangements, please [Name] at once?

Yours sincerely,

[Name].



DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 22, 1914.

President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
T o r o n t o, Ont.

My dear Falconer:

I received this morning your letter and the Report of
the Commission. I am returning it herewith signed.

In my judgement the Report reads very well and I cannot
see any portion of it in which I would suggest any material change.
You call my attention specially to the change you have made in the
third suggestion which is quite different from what we had earlier adopted.
I think on the whole I prefer the old one as we drafted it on the train,
because it is more specific. This one makes a suggestion in
terms of what will be, to most readers of the Report, an unknown quantity.
However, as it is only a suggestion I suppose we can defer that. They
will then have to decide on what method was adopted by the city of
Cincinnati. I have a proposal for one very slight change, which,

if you approve of it, can be easily made. It comes in under Section
4 "Recommendations." The first five lines look like a preamble to
the six recommendations, whereas if you look at it you will find that this
preamble really is recommendation No. 1. My proposal then is that
the "1" be placed before the first line and taken away from in front of
the 11th line where it is. If you look over No. 1 you will find that

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there is no recommendation in it. It is really an explanation of the recommendation we make on the 4th line of the page. If you do not do this it will be necessary, I think, to make a slight change in the wording.

I trust that the Report will be so worded as to not say even salary. I shall be very glad if you will let me know whenever you learn about the way in which it has been received at home.

I am very glad to hear you say that your University trouble is somewhat cooling down and that you hope the situation is clearing.

Your Board certainly managed to put you in a most awkward position.

I am surprised that they should not have realized that the matter should have been dealt with in a different way entirely. I saw Mr. John McMillan last night and he told me all that he had learned of the situation.

I trust that the President of Toronto is a man of judgment and of a narrow sense and that he has held the situation, now that it has been put before him, from becoming absolutely acute.

With all good Christmas wishes to yourself and to Mrs. Salomon and the family, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. Stanley MacDonell
President.

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January 23rd, 1915

President Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University, Halifax.

My dear Mackenzie:

Our report has reached Alberta, as I have had an acknowledgment from the Minister's office, but Mr. Boyle is away. You may remember that he told us that he was to pay a visit to the Southern States in January. Consequently, I have heard nothing from the Department, and we are not at liberty to say anything about our finding, I assure, until the Government has made it public. I will of course let you know at once when I hear from Mr. Boyle.

I hope that our German difficulty has in the main solved itself, though there are some irreconcilables, and we may suffer when the request of the University for the legislature to meet its deficit comes before the House. However, I have letters from England that strongly reinforce my attitude, and I think we can make out a good case. In fact in London, Ontario, there is also a German question, and there the Liberals are attacking the Germans and the Conservatives are out in their favour, just as Sir Robert Borden recommends. For that reason, I hope that no party capital can be made out of our trouble.

I am glad to know that your situation also is improving, and that your hot-heads are cooling off.

Yesterday the Duke reviewed our O.T.C. 1500 men and about 30 officers turned out. They did remarkable well, and he spoke in the warmest terms of them. This will help us I think in the public eye. With

kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
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January 26, 1915.

Rev. Robt. A. Falconer,
President University of Toronto,
T o r o n t o, Ont.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the President, I beg
to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst.,
which will be placed before him immediately on his return.

Dr. Mackenzie was called out of town
very suddenly yesterday by the death of his brother, and
it is not likely that he will be back for some few days.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the President.

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March 6th, 1915.

President A. Stanley Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S.

My dear Mackenzie:

We have Fraternities in Toronto. On the whole they do not give us trouble, and they are supervised as a rule, I think, by Secretaries from their American headquarters. You will have to watch them, I suppose. I have had complaints on one or two occasions since coming to Toronto, and I have spoken to their leading members about them who continued to take an interest after graduation. I meet a good many of these men on Sunday afternoons. I have done so for about five years, and they are a particularly nice lot of fellows. However, I think that our residences and collegiate system of residences minimises the danger that might arise in their forming themselves in cliques, and certainly we shall endeavour to extend the system of residences.

I have a clipping from the Calgary "Herald", which I send you. Perhaps you might return it to me when you are ready.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.